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WE UNDERSTAND THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS GENSCHER AND
SAUVAGNARGUES, MEETING ON JANUARY 22 IN BONN TO PREPARE
FOR THE NEXT REGULAR BILATERAL SUMMIT UNDER THE FRANCO-
GERMAN TREATY (FEB. 3-4 IN PARIS), DISCUSSED, IN
ADDITION TO THE CONSUMER-PRODUCER DIALOGUE, THE
FOLLOWING TOPICS:

(A) PROCEDURAL MATTERS RELATED TO HOLDING THE FIRST
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EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN DUBLIN MARCH 10-11. FRENCH

REPORTEDLY HAD DETAILED PROPOSALS ON ORGANIZATION, ATTENDANCE, ETC. WHICH GENSCHER FOUND UNEXCEPTIONABLE.

(B) UK RENEGOTIATION AND SHARE IN EC BUDGET. THE TWO MINISTERS AGREED THAT RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER WAS RENDERED MORE DIFFICULT BY THE UK'S "CONSTANTLY BRINGING UP NEW IDEAS, SUCH AS COMMONWEALTH RIGHTS, SUGAR SUPPLY, AUTHORITY OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ETC.," THEY WERE FURTHER IN AGREEMENT THAT ANY FORMULA FOR THE UK'S BUDGET CONTRIBUTION "MUST LEAVE THE BASIC CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY INVIOLE." THEY WERE FUNDAMENTALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING REFERENDUM BECAUSE IT MEANT THERE WAS NO ASSURANCE BRITAIN WOULD REMAIN IN THE EC EVEN IF ALL ITS DEMANDS WERE MET.

(C) EC/ACP AGREEMENT. THE TWO MINISTERS HAD A BRIEF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, AGREEING THAT THE PRESENT EC OFFER LEAVES NO ROOM FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND THAT IT ALREADY PROVIDES AN ADEQUATE BASIS FOR FINAL AGREEMENT.

(D) THE QUESTION OF SETTING AGRICULTURAL PRICES UNDER THE CAP FOR THE CURRENT YEAR WAS BRIEFLY TOUCHED ON, WITHOUT REACHING ANY SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS, WHICH WERE DEFERRED TO THE SCHMIDT/GISCARD SUMMIT ON FEBRUARY 3-4.

(E) EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. THE MINISTERS EVIDENTLY SPENT SOME TIME ON THE PROBLEMS POSED BY THE QUESTION OF PLO PARTICIPATION. GENSCHER WAS REPORTEDLY ANXIOUS TO SHOW THAT IN GERMAN VIEW THE DIALOGUE HAD NOT COLLAPSED. SAUVAGNARGUES STRESSED THAT PROGRESS COULD HARDLY BE MADE WITHOUT A SOLUTION OF PLO ISSUE. (COMMENT: PROBLEMS OF EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE ARE OF COURSE ALSO BEING DISCUSSED AMONG POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF 9 AT THEIR CURRENT MEETING IN DUBLIN. IT IS NATURAL, HOWEVER, THAT GERMANS AND FRENCH WOULD ALSO WANT TO HOLD BILATERAL TALKS ON THIS ISSUE, SINCE THEY APPEAR TO REPRESENT THE EXTREMES OF OPINION WITHIN THE EC -- THE FRENCH ESSENTIALLY FAVORING PLO PARTICIPATION AND THE

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GERMANS BELIEVING IT DANGEROUS TO LET A NON-POLITICAL DIALOGUE BE USED TO SET A PRECEDENT ON THIS PREEMINENTLY POLITICAL ISSUE. WE HAVE AS YET NO INDICATION AS TO WHAT, IF ANY, COMPROMISE APPROACH THE GERMANS AND FRENCH MIGHT BE PREPARING TO PRESENT JOINTLY TO THEIR EC COLLEAGUES.
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